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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 18 LETTER TO
FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES:

QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DETAILED LETTER OF APRIL 7. I AM MOST
PLEASED TO LEARN OF FRANCE'S READINESS TO JOIN US IN URGENT
AND IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO COORDINATE NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICIES
ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS, AS INDICATED IN YOUR WILLINGNESS
TO ATTEND AN EARLY EXPLORATORY MULTILATERAL MEETING TO THIS
END. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOW AGREED TO HOST SUCH A
MEETING IN LONDON ON APRIL 23, AND WE WILL LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH FRANCE, CANADA, THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, JAPAN, THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM IN THIS MEETING, AND TOWARD AN EVENTUAL
CONFERENCE WHICH MIGHT BE HELD WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

I WISH TO REITERATE THE ASSURANCES EXPRESSED IN OUR MEETINGS
WITH MESSRS. GOLDSCHMIDT AND DE NAZELLE AND IN MY PREVIOUS
CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOU ON THIS SUBJECT. I AGREE THAT THE

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PURPOSE OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS IS TO SEEK

UNDERSTANDINGS BY COMMON AGREEMENT, AND THAT THESE MEETINGS

SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL AND INFORMAL IN CHARACTER. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ENVISAGE A FORMAL INSTITUTION TO ENFORCE CONFERENCE DECISIONS, AND WE BELIEVE THERE COULD BE APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO OR RELEASE FROM COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS. FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE DIFFICULTIES OF RETROACTIVE CHANGES IN EXPORT POLICY AND AGREES THAT AS A GENERAL RULE OUR DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE RETROACTIVE. HOWEVER, THERE COULD BE SPECIFIC SITUATIONS WHICH MIGHT WARRANT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, AND THIS QUESTION MIGHT WELL ARISE AT SOME POINT IN OUR DELIBERATIONS. IN THAT EVENT, I BELIEVE WE COULD EXPLORE THIS MATTER AND CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER SUPPLIERS, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF COMMON AGREEMENT IN REACHING DECISIONS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT WHAT YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT THE LIMIT OF POSSIBILITIES FOR THE COMMITMENTS FRANCE WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE IN AN EVENTUAL CONFERENCE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO PRESENT OUR OWN VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION BY ALL SEVEN PARTICIPANTS, AND WE WOULD EXPECT OTHERS TO HAVE THE SAME DESIRE. BUT, LIKE YOU, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ANY DECISIONS MUST BE REACHED BY MUTUAL ACCORD, NOT BY EXERTING PRESSURES ON INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIERS, AND WE HAVE MADE THIS VIEW KNOWN TO THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

WE FULLY ACCEPT YOUR POINT ON NONDISCRIMINATION BY OTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS VIS-A-VIS FRANCE BECAUSE OF FRANCE'S NONADHERENCE TO THE NPT. I AM ALSO PREPARED TO CONSIDER YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT US NUCLEAR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS AND COCOM POLICIES. AS YOU SUGGESTED, WE WOULD ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS BILATERALLY.

I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE BOTH APPEAR TO HAVE ATTACHED, AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THESE NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS EFFORTS.

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